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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 35]
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 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 11]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

Attorney Docket No.	
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Title	<u>Closure Device for Containers</u>
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
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14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: (1D/113,237)(09/645,109)
(08/895,494)(60/021,934)
of prior application No.:

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Divisional

Continuation-in-part (CIP)

Art Unit: 3727

of prior application No.:

Prior application information:

Examiner Nathan Newhouse

Art Unit: 3727

For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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[] patent application of
[] continuation patent application of
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[] continuation-in-part patent application of

Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: JAMES C. SMITH
For: **CLOSURE DEVICE FOR CONTAINERS**

[X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos/filing dates:
This is a divisional of 10/113,237 filed March 28, 2002 which is a divisional of 09/645,109 filed August 23, 2000
(Pat. 6,375,028) which is a divisional of 08/895,494 filed July 16, 1997 (Pat. 6,145,688) which claims the benefit of
Provisional 60/021,934 filed July 17, 1996.

Enclosed are:

[X] 28 page(s) of specification
[x] 6 page(s) of claims
[x] 1 page of Abstract
[X] 11 sheet(s) of [] formal [] informal drawing(s):
[] An assignment of the invention to _____
[X] A [X] signed [] unsigned Declaration
[X] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 [] is enclosed [X] was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.
[] A certified copy of a _____ application.
[] Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.
[] A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.
[X] Please cancel claims: 1-17 and 24-46
[X] Please examine claims: 18-23 Figures : 11-13, 15, 17, 18 Species: Group VII

	No. Filed	Extra Claims	Small Entity Fee	Fee Paid
Basic Fee				\$375
Total Claims	10 -20 =	Ø x	\$ 9.00 =	Ø
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	Ø x	\$ 42.00 =	Ø
Multiple Dependent Claim		x	\$140.00 =	
			TOTAL	\$ 375

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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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Title

Closure Device for Containers

Attorney Docket Number

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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